

APPEAL NO. 031009  
FILED JUNE 3, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on March 28, 2003. With respect to the single issue before him, the hearing officer determined that the appellant's (claimant) compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, does not extend to include the claimant's cervical and thoracic spine in addition to a broken nose. In his appeal, the claimant essentially argues that the hearing officer's extent-of-injury determination is against the great weight of the evidence. In its response to the claimant's appeal, the respondent (carrier) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the claimant's compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, does not include the cervical and thoracic spine in addition to a broken nose. That issue presented a question of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. From the hearing officer's discussion, it is apparent that he was not persuaded that the claimant sustained his burden of proving the causal connection between his compensable injury and any cervical or thoracic injury. The hearing officer was acting within his province as the fact finder in so finding. Our review of the record does not reveal that the challenged determination is so against the great weight of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Therefore, no sound basis exists for us to reverse that determination on appeal. Pool v. Ford Motor Co., 715 S.W.2d 629 (Tex. 1986); Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175 (Tex. 1986).

The hearing officer's decision and order are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **AMERICAN SAFETY CASUALTY INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEM  
350 NORTH ST. PAUL STREET  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Thomas A. Knapp  
Appeals Judge

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Edward Vilano  
Appeals Judge